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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

It is now time to declare that the Soviet Union has committed a material breach of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty because of its construction of the giant phased array radar facility near Krasnoyarsk.

Mr. President, as you have stated, the Krasnoyarsk radar is a clear violation of the letter and spirit of the ABM Treaty. The location and orientation of the radar site, which is more than a thousand miles from the northern border and, in spite of earlier Soviet claims, is not optimal for tracking space objects or early warning. It is, however, located in an optimal location for operation as a battle management radar to direct ABM interceptor missiles in the event of an attack.

We commend your extraordinary patience in going the "extra mile" to resolve this violation through diplomatic channels. However, with the Soviet Union flatly refusing to dismantle the radar at the recently concluded five year review of the ABM Treaty and its continued use of the violation to attempt to gain arms control concessions, it seems to us that a declaration of material breach is the only option left.

We understand that the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and your National Security Council are united on declaring Krasnoyarsk a material breach. We believe that their counsel is wise.


By declaring a material breach you will send a strong and unflinching signal to the Soviet Union that compliance with all provisions of every international agreement is the sine qua non of arms control. While we should continue to work with the Soviet Union on our mutual interests in defending our respective nations, it must be done within the bounds of accepted international principles. Declaring the Soviet Union to be in material breach does not require any response now. We can reserve the right to take the appropriate and proportional response at a later date.


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Mr. President, it is our view that the declaration of a material breach is paramount if we are to have a consistent arms control compliance policy. You may count on our full support on this issue.


Sincerely,


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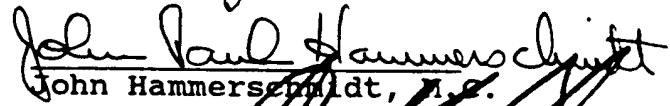

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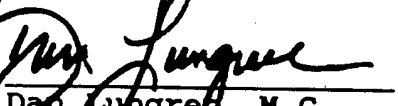

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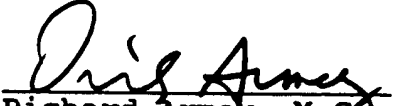

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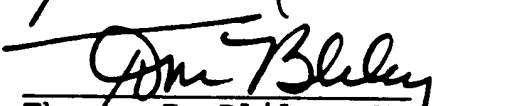

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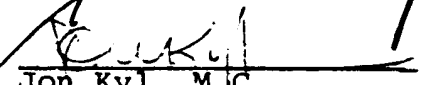

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